

TERRIFIC HUN LOSSES IN THE GREATEST FIGHT FOR VERDUN

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ON THE HEELS OF THE DISAPPEARING ENEMY: FRENCH INFANTRY PURSUING THE GERMANS NEAR VERDUN.



This striking photograph was taken at Louvemont, north of Douaumont, and shows the French pursuing the enemy after a successful counter-attack. The figures along the back-

ground are the rearmost of the retreating Germans. Their fierce onslaught on the French position cost them many lives.—(By courtesy of the *Illustrated London News*.)

## CHILD ACTRESSES BURNT TO DEATH: TRAGEDY AT A HEREFORD THEATRE



Peggy Beard, injured. Connie Bragg, dead.



Ivy Harris, aged ten, badly burned.



Cissy Beaven, aged twelve, dead.



Violet (Babs) Cory, aged seven, dead.

A number of children were giving an entertainment to provide comforts for the soldiers at the Garrick Theatre, Hereford, and were performing a snow dance when the dread "Fire!" came from behind the drop curtain. The little actresses were dressed

in cotton-wool, and the flames spread from one to the other, six of them being fatally burnt and others seriously injured. When the alarm was given a panic ensued, the audience rising and making for the various exits.



## KHAKI RUSH TO SHED INK ON PAPER.

How Army Life Will Increase  
Supply of Journalists.

## FLOOD OF BRIGHT PAPERS

An enormous number of new journalists should be produced by the war, judging by the number of papers that have been started—all written by soldiers for soldiers.

One of the remarkable features of the war so far as Great Britain is concerned has been the number of men who, having sworn to shed the blood of the King's enemies, have rushed to shed ink on innocent paper.

Almost every regiment has its own little newspaper now, and they arrive so swiftly that by the time these lines are printed perhaps every battalion will boast an individual journal of its own.

### THE LATEST ARRIVAL.

The latest to appear up to the time of writing is called the *Invincible*, and is the organ of the 6th City of London Rifles. Fun and good humour seem to be its predominant notes.

There is an amusing burlesque of society gossip in the first number and some comic drawings.

A new number of the *Listening Post* comes to hand from the 7th Canadian Infantry Battalion. Amongst other things, it contains an amusing list of regimental dreams. Here is the assortment:—

End of war in May.  
Rest in billets near (Paris) in April.  
Bonus of 50 pounds per man upon completion of a year's service in the field.  
Rum issue all summer.  
Being withdrawn from the western front, a trip to Marseilles to Cairo and a ride on the crocodile.

The praises of the 3rd Tunnelling Company are sung by a regimental poet with the following opening verse:—

They sing about the submarine,  
They ain't no (penny) liner;  
Their aerial craft, God Save the King,  
There could be nothing finer.  
I'll not forget the Auld Scots Greys,  
The Forty Tons, The Scots who hae.  
For what could be sublimer.  
But listen to me just a while,  
As I indite in ma ain style,  
To grimy fearless sons of toil,  
The Army Miner.

### MORE ABOUT "CHARLIE."

A new number of that most ambitious of all the Army newspapers, *Fall In*, is also to hand. This is really a magazine of general interest and should appeal to a wide public.

It was *Fall In* which recently published an exclusive message from Charlie Chaplin as to why he did not join the Army. And this week the Editor makes out quite a good case for the hero of the screens.

In the course of his arguments he observes:—  
"Our next point is the Armistice Clause in this country he would be at once granted exemption if only for the reason that his earnings would contribute a matter of £30,000 a year to the Imperial Exchequer."

"A further point is that Charlie is an exclusive manufacturer of mirth who would be wholly wasted in the Army. His work gives intense enjoyment to wounded soldiers."

## ENEMY ALIEN WITH AN ARMLET.

Though an Austrian, it was stated at West London Police Court yesterday, Louis, thirty-one, of St. Evans-road, North Kensington, charged with failing to notify his change of address, had been wearing a khaki armlet.

An inspector said that the man left one district in September, after he had been warned for internment.

The inspector added that the prisoner had been wearing a khaki armlet, and was sentenced to three months in North London for larceny. He was remanded.

## ELOPED WITH FAMILY DOCTOR.

A family doctor was named as co-respondent in the Divorce Court yesterday.  
Mr. William Haye, of Newton Ferrers, obtained a decree nisi for the dissolution of his marriage and the custody of his children on the ground of his wife's misconduct at Teignmouth and Plymouth with Dr. Arthur Gladstone, the family doctor, with whom she eloped to New Zealand.

## WHITE TOWER AT THE TOWER.

The White Tower at the Tower of London, which was opened yesterday to the public for the first time, attracted a large number of visitors, mostly officers and men in khaki. The White Tower has hitherto been used as a store for small arms.

It was built by William the Conqueror in 1078, but it was Edward the Third's reign that it first gained the name of "La Tour Blanche," owing, some writers hold, to the fact that it was at the time whitewashed.

In 1691 some bones, supposed to be the remains of the murdered Edward V. and his brother, the Duke of York, were discovered under the staircase leading to the second floor of the White Tower, and were reinterred at Westminster.

## ROMANCE OF THE WAR

Peer's Daughter Whose Husband Was  
Killed Weds Wounded Officer.

## LITTLE SON CRIES "NICE MAN."

The arrival ten minutes too soon of the bride, who passed the time in her car chatting with her friends, was a feature of yesterday's principal wedding.

The bride was Lady Victoria Legge-Bourke, a daughter of the Marquis of Lincolnshire, and she was married at Brompton Parish Church to Major the Hon. Edric Forester, son of Lord Forester, and an officer who has served with considerable distinction, being severely wounded 'exiter in the war.

Lady Victoria Legge-Bourke was widowed by the war, her husband, Lieutenant Nigel Legge-Bourke, having been killed in action in 1914.

The wedding was a family affair, without bridesmaids or pages. Lady Victoria was dressed in a war-time wedding costume of navy blue serge, with a wide-brimmed navy straw hat, upon which rested six huge roses.

One of the most interested spectators among a distinguished congregation was the bride's little white-clad son, who varied the service by pointing his finger at his stepfather-to-be and at Major Seymour, the best man, exclaiming, "Nice mans."

Lady Forester, the bridegroom's mother, was in black satin, with a heliotrope feather in her hat. Lady Lincolnshire, the bride's mother, was also in black, a serge coat-gown, with one rose in her black transparent hat.

## TEN SHILLINGS A THROW.

Fine on Man Who Hurdled Orange at  
No-Conscription Speaker.

Ten shillings is the cost of throwing oranges at a No-Conscription speaker in public, it events in Bow-street Police Court are any guide.

William Homewood, thirty-nine, grocer's assistant, of White Horse-road, Thornton Heath, was charged there yesterday with throwing missiles in Trafalgar Square on Sunday afternoon.

The prisoner, who was wearing an armlet, was seen by a police officer among a crowd of about 4,000 people to take an orange from his pocket and throw it at the speakers on the plinth.

Prisoner told the officer that he became excited, and if he had not had the orange in his pocket the offence would not have been committed.

Mr. Hopkins: The only thing is to have more sense. The fine is 10s.

A fine of 20s. was inflicted on James Williams, forty-five, at the Imperial Club, New North-road, Hoxton, who was charged with insulting behaviour.

He climbed up on to the plinth unobserved and threw red ochre over the speakers.

Williams admitted the offence, and said: "I am rather incensed against these people holding these meetings. I have a son who has been in the trenches for eighteen months, and the only way to stop these people having meetings is to hold them up to ridicule."

## FLAGON THAT FETCHED \$590.

"Silver Day" at Christie's sale for the British Red Cross Society yesterday attracted a large company of buyers and onlookers.

Chief interest centred in an Elizabethan silver-gilt chalice and paten and a Charles I. plain flagon dated 1637.

There was some remarkably keen bidding for the latter, and there was applause when £300 had been named.

Still the bidding rose by steps of £10 a time until £280 had been reached.

The Elizabethan chalice was knocked down for £240, a Queen Anne plain jug also fetched £240, and an Irish two-handed cup went for £190.

## WHY NOT WOODEN HOUSES?

Speaking at the Surveyors' Institution, Mr. W. B. Davidge said that at the end of the war there would be an unprecedented demand for work, and town planning schemes would need careful thought. There would arise a need for the planning of village communities in all directions for sailors and soldiers.

In the interest of traffic facilities and public health and economy the height of buildings should be kept within reasonable limits. In country districts wooden buildings might be permitted.

## THE SHADOW OF JAPAN.

PEKING, Monday.—There is a possibility of an armistice between the contending parties (Yuan-Shi-Kai's supporters and the revolutionaries) for the purpose of discussing terms. The Southerners, however, are insistent.

Meanwhile the decision of Japan to withhold the salt revenue surplus is regarded as ominous.—Exchange.

## U.S.A. ULTIMATUM IN A WEEK.

AMSTERDAM, Monday.—A special cable from Washington to the *Telegraf* states on high authority that diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States will be broken off in the course of this week unless Germany surrenders on the submarine question.

In Washington the situation is considered to be exceptionally serious.—Exchange.

## WIFE'S CONFESSION.

Divorce Story of Husband's Forgiveness  
and an 'Inevitable Quarrel.'

## SICK LEAVE SURPRISE.

A decree nisi with costs was granted yesterday in the Divorce Court, before Mr. Justice Horridge, to Mr. Charles Barrett, an actor, on the ground of his wife's misconduct with Mr. Harvey du Cros.

Mr. Marshall Hall, K.C., said Mr. Barrett, a widower, married his wife Dorothy in 1910. They became very great friends with Mr. du Cros.

In August, 1914, Mr. Barrett, who was in the Royal Naval Reserve, was called up and joined his ship. When he came home on sick leave in the following November he noticed a considerable change in his wife's attitude towards him. She confessed to him that she had been unfaithful to him with the co-respondent. An arrangement was come to in December, 1914, whereby Mr. du Cros settled a sum of money which was to be provided for the lady, and she came back to her husband on the distinct understanding that she should entirely give up the co-respondent.

That continued for some little time, but in the course of a divergence of opinion the name of the co-respondent came up and there was the inevitable quarrel.

Mrs. Barrett left her husband and went to Brighton. He wrote her on March 15, 1915: "Dear Betty—You say that the only way I can get you to live with me again is by becoming friends with Mr. Harvey du Cros. I cannot accept these terms."

Mrs. Barrett added counsel, was now a widow and proposed to marry Mrs. Barrett, as soon as he could. The claim for damages had, therefore, been withdrawn.

## CABBAGES ROUT ROSES.

To-Day the Home Gardener Thinks  
More of Vegetables Than Flowers.

The arrival of spring has made glad the heart of the amateur gardener.

He has exchanged woollen gloves for garden gloves, brought out his shovel and rake, and contemplates a season during which he can pursue undisturbed his favourite hobby.

There were signs of spring in the Farringdon-road yesterday afternoon.

Shrubs, plants, flowers and seeds were lavishly displayed on every roadside stall.

"The best I have is the 'This Year,' said one street tradesman to *The Daily Mirror*. "If it goes on like this I look like achieving a record."

Another stall was heaped up with ferns, tomatoes, sweet peas, kidney potatoes, asparagus and lettuces.

"The perennials are doing remarkably well," observed its attendant. "Of course, it's a little too early for annuals just yet."

"Is there any amateur kitchen-gardening going on?" asked *The Daily Mirror*.

"Yes; there has been ever since the war broke out. People seem to prefer it to the cultivation of flowers in these days. I suppose it is a form of war economy. The price of food having gone up, people are trying to grow their own food for their own tables."

## "NON-EXISTENT" EVILS.

"Non-existent" is the opinion of the theatre world in regard to the evils in music-hall programmes in which the Bishop of London has drawn attention.

There are now only three London music-halls with promenades and lounges; and theatre managers contend that every possible step is taken to provide respectable entertainment.

Mr. Frank Glenister, of the London Pavilion, says:—

"If all the Bishops in the world were to make an attack on me, I could not be more guarded. I can assure you, nothing objectionable is allowed."

"I think the Bishop of London would find that this was so if he referred to authorities, such as the City Council or the Provost Marshal, as to the position."

## MOTOR TAX AND RED CROSS WORK.

Mr. McKenna informed Mr. Rowlands in the House of Commons yesterday that he was considering whether exemption could be granted from the increased motor taxes to persons using their cars exclusively for Red Cross, special constabulary, V.A.D. and other voluntary work for the Government.

It would not be possible to make any concessions in the case of cars used partly for such work and partly for other purposes.

## M.P.'S BIND THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP

The first conference between the English members of Parliament and the French Senators and Deputies who have arrived in London took place yesterday morning at the House of Lords.

Lord Bryce presided over the proceedings, which were private.

The subjects discussed were commercial opportunities after the war and the teaching of French and English in the respective countries. Later the distinguished visitors were entertained at luncheon in the Harcourt Room.

## GIRL WHO SELLS YOU GROCERIES.

Official Says That Women Are  
a Success as Assistants.

## SPECIAL CLASSES.

Can women be grocers? Can they stand the physical strain involved in the work?

The question is raised by the statement of a grocery manager who applied to the Wandsworth Military Tribunal for exemption on business grounds.

"I have two girl assistants, but I find they are a failure," he said, adding: "If I leave we shall have to close down."

This suggestion that grocery girls are a failure is, however, emphatically denied by the secretary of the Institute of Certificated Grocers.

"There is no doubt whatever that the average healthy girl can stand the strain of ordinary work in a grocer's shop," he told *The Daily Mirror* yesterday.

"Such work is no more strenuous than that of the drapery shop assistant."

"Of course, a girl cannot be expected to haul about bags of sugar each weighing two hundred-weights."

There should be a man in every grocery establishment for such heavy work.

### "QUITE EFFICIENT."

"But for all ordinary purposes—duties such as weighing up, taking orders and making of parcels—the average girl is quite efficient, and the general experience of nearly all grocers is that she has proved herself thoroughly satisfactory."

At their trade school for girls at Hammer-smith, added the secretary, "the London County Council have for some time past been running a special class for the training of girls as grocers' assistants."

There a department has been fitted out with all the necessary equipment to give the girls a very practical six weeks' training course which is in every sense equivalent to a training in a large grocer's shop.

This class has been very successful, and the school has turned out more than a hundred girls, all of whom, without exception, are doing very well.

There is this, also—the testimony of Mr. Bentham, M.P., vice-chairman of the Grocers' Institute, as to the value of grocers' girl assistants.

Mr. Bentham is the managing director of one of the largest provision firms in Hull, and recently he stated that eighty of his assistants had donned khaki, and that his firm was exceedingly glad to have the services of 120 girls in their places.

"He said that their introduction in his firm's shops had been successful in every way, and that no word of his would reflect on the young women of England who were rendering such magnificent service in their country's hour of need."

## ARMED MAN CHASED.

Policeman Tells of Locked Doors and  
Barricades That Were Forced.

An amazing scene in Piccadilly was described yesterday at Marlborough-street when Horace Kingsland, a variety artist, was charged with breaking into a flat and stealing articles worth £120, the property of Mr. H. L. Kuhlning, a merchant.

He was also charged with being found at night in possession of a revolver and six cartridges, and was remanded on both charges.

It was stated in evidence that prisoner was seen by a Dutch student behind a bedroom door in flat at Piccadilly. The student looked him in a room, but when the police arrived he had disappeared through the window.

A house steward said he found prisoner in a front room and locked him in. When he returned with police the man had gone, but was traced to another room, in which he had locked himself.

Police Constable Simms gave details of the various doors that had been broken down and barricaded. Many of them were barricaded. Prisoner had a revolver in his right hand and an electric lamp in the other. Witness shouted, "Drop that revolver!" and closed with him. Inspector Ford took the revolver from prisoner's hand, and a violent struggle resulted. At Vine-street prisoner said: "If I could have loaded the shooter I would have shot several of you."

## NO BAIL FOR THREE CLYDE MEN.

That the appellants were charged with an offence the effect of which undoubtedly would be to postpone the successful conclusion of the war, and that in the circumstances there had no difficulty in deciding to refuse bail, was the decision made by Lord Ormrod in the High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, yesterday, when he heard parties in an appeal by James Macdonnell, James Macdonnell, and James Macdonnell.

These three men had appealed against the refusal of the Sheriff of Glasgow to release them on bail pending their trial on a charge of inciting Clyde workers to strike and down tools. On their behalf an undertaking was given that they would not do anything, directly or indirectly, of a political character to create agitation.

The Lord Advocate strongly opposed granting bail.



# CROWN PRINCE MAKES BIGGEST AND FIERCEST FIGHT FOR VERDUN

**Germans Get a Foothold on the Dead Man Hill.**

**FOE DEAD IN HEAPS.**

**Assaults East and West of Meuse Cannot Shake French Line.**

**3 FOKKERS "DOWNED."**

The greatest battle for Verdun is still raging.

**SACRIFICED FOR CROWN PRINCE.**

"Fighting on Sunday," says Mr. W. L. McAlpin, in a special telegram from Paris to *The Daily Mirror*, "proved conclusively that the French, in men and guns, are more than a match for the Germans." He says that 100,000 men on each side took part in that great battle.

The Paris communiqué yesterday showed that the sole gain the Crown Prince had made in his huge offensive was the taking of 550 yards of an advanced trench on Dead Man Hill. And German dead were heaped up before the French lines on Sunday.

**"OUR LINE DID NOT MOVE."**

Last night's Paris bulletin reported further furious bombardments and assaults by the Germans both east and west of the Meuse. Despite the fury of the attacks, "our line, as a whole," says the official message, "did not move," the enemy everywhere being repulsed with great losses.

**COMING TIGRIS BATTLE.**

Better weather is reported in Mesopotamia; the Tigris has not risen since Friday. General Gortringe's preparations for attacking the Sanna-i-Yat position are, it is stated officially, well advanced. The strong Turkish position of Sanna-i-Yat is fourteen miles from Kut-el-Amara, where General Townshend has been besieged for 125 days.

**200,000 MEN AT GRIPS IN THE GREAT BATTLE.**

**Failure of Crown Prince's Scheme for Isolating Hill 304.**

(From W. L. McAlpin.)

PARIS, Monday.—After a brief lull on the Verdun front, the Germans yesterday returned to attack in stronger force than ever.

It is estimated 100,000 men on each side took part in the fighting over a front of more than twelve miles, but at the end of the day the enemy had made practically no progress, and his losses were enormous.

The preliminary bombardment in the early morning was short, but sharp.

It was followed by the onslaught of at least a division and a half between Avocourt and the cross-roads south of Bethincourt.

**DESPERATE ATTACKS.**

The hottest fighting of the day was seen in this sector, but, notwithstanding desperate efforts on the part of the Germans to break through the French and capture 304 Hill, their battalions, decimated by machine-gun fire, had to retreat, after getting within 100 yards of the coveted position.

After a short pause, during which they reformed, the enemy came on again, and even a third time, but all to no purpose.

They were powerless to pierce the French defence, and each successive attack only added to their losses.

Meantime, another enemy force, estimated at two divisions, tried to make its way between Cumieres and the Meuse towards Dead Man Hill.

Here the Germans also suffered a sanguinary check.

**GERMAN PLAN FOILED.**

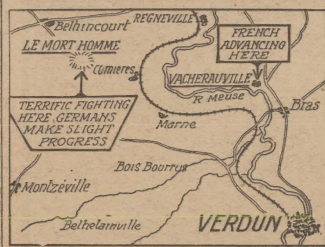
Fighting was not confined to the west side of the river, for several fierce attacks were led against the Champeuville-Vacherauville sector. The Germans lost some hundreds and made no progress.

The fourth attack, in which the enemy employed a brigade, was launched against a small earthwork north-east of Avocourt Wood, which the French captured a few days ago by surprise.

The enemy hoped to recapture this point, then push on south-west of Hill 304 and take the French defending it in rear.

They did not even capture the earthwork.

Yesterday's fighting proved conclusively that the French in men and guns are more than a match for the Germans and to-day's news only confirms the Crown Prince's disastrous check.



**GERMANS CLAIM TAKING 1,178 PRISONERS.**

**Foe Tells of British Bombing Attacks at St. Eloi Craters.**

(GERMAN OFFICIAL.)

BERLIN, Monday.—German Main Headquarters reports this afternoon as follows:—

**Western Theatre of War.**—Attempts made by enemy bombing parties to recapture our newly established positions in the mine craters south of St. Eloi were repulsed by our troops. Mine fighting between La Basse and Arras canals has increased in intensity during the past few days.

On the western banks of the Meuse, Bethincourt, and the similarly fortified points of support—"Alsace" and "Lorraine"—south-west of Bethincourt, were isolated.

The enemy sought to avoid the danger by means of a hasty retreat, but he was cut off by the Silesians, who, besides inflicting heavy sanguinary losses, enabled us to take fourteen officers and about 700 un wounded prisoners. Two guns and thirteen machine guns were also captured.

At the same time we cleared enemy encampments, blockhouses and positions which obstructed us at various points on the front, both due north of the village of Avocourt and south of the Crows Wood.

At these operations we were able to inflict losses on the French. The enemy lost in prisoners some 278 men.

On the right of the Meuse, a ravine on the south-western border of the Poivre ridge was cleared in a similar manner, and four officers and 134 men, as well as a quantity of material, remained in our hands.

Further east and in the Woëvre only artillery fighting is recorded.

In various aerial fights which took place one French aeroplane was shot down to the south-east of Damloup, and one south-east of Chateau Salins. The occupants of the former are dead.

An enemy aeroplane was seen to crash to earth in the village of Loos, and another in the Chaillette Forest.—Wireless Press.

**BRITISH TAKE MINE CRATER FROM GERMANS.**

**Our Troops, by Further Attack, Establish Themselves in Foe Trenches.**

(BRITISH OFFICIAL.)

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, Monday, 9.32 p.m.—Last night at St. Eloi our troops attacked and captured the mine crater remaining in the German hands, and by a further attack succeeded in establishing themselves in the German trenches running south-west from the above crater.

To-day there has been artillery activity about La Boisselle, Angres, Vierstraete, St. Eloi and Ypres.

Some mining activity about La Boisselle, Roelincourt and Givenchy.

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Heavy French artillery mounted on armoured trucks in the Balkans.

**"OUR LINE AS A WHOLE DID NOT MOVE."**

**Terrific German Assaults Everywhere Repulsed by French.**

(FRENCH OFFICIAL.)

PARIS, Monday.—This evening's official communiqué says:—

In the region of Roye a strong enemy reconnaissance was dispersed by our rifle fire before reaching our wire entanglements to the north of Andrech.

In the Argonne our artillery caused serious damage to the German organisations to the north of La Harazee. We vigorously shelled the part of the wood of Avocourt occupied by the enemy.

To the west of the Meuse the bombardment continued with growing intensity in the course of the day.

About noon the Germans launched an attack debouching from the region Hancourt-Bethincourt against our positions to the south of the Forges Brook.

Notwithstanding the violence of the assaults, which cost the enemy very great losses, our line as a whole did not move.

On our front—Mort Homme-Cumieres—attempts to attack following on intense artillery preparation were stopped by our certain fire.

**MACHINE AND PILOT CAPTURED.**

To the east of the Meuse there was a very violent bombardment of the Poivre Hill. The enemy at the close of the day several times attacked our positions of the Bois de la Caillette. He was everywhere repulsed.

In the Woëvre there was great artillery activity. The day was comparatively quiet on the rest of the front.

**Aviation.**—During the daytime on April 8 one of our pilots, during an aerial fight in the Verdun region, brought down a Fokker, which fell in our lines near Ennes.

On the 9th another Fokker was brought down by one of our special guns. The machine fell in the Woëvre in the German lines.

A third Fokker landed in Champagne. The machine was intact. Its pilot was captured.

At afternoon a German aeroplane flew over Nancy and dropped two bombs, which only caused slight material damage.—Reuter.

**BODIES HEAPED UP BEFORE THE FRENCH LINES.**

**Germans Take 550 Yards of Trench on "Dead Man" Hill.**

(FRENCH OFFICIAL.)

PARIS, Monday.—The following communiqué was issued this afternoon:—

To the west of the Meuse the bombardment continued violently in the course of the night, and was especially directed on Hill 304.

The attack delivered by the enemy yesterday on the Mort Homme at the close of the day, which was repulsed as a whole, with important losses for the enemy, enabled the Germans to penetrate our advanced trench on Hill 285 for a length of about 550 yards. We made about 100 prisoners.

To the east of the Meuse there was a very sharp struggle in the course of the night in the little wood of Fontaine St. Martin (east of Vacherauville).

We made progress in the enemy communication trenches south of the village of Douaumont.

In the Woëvre there was a bombardment of the villages at the foot of the Meuse hills.

It is confirmed that the operations on the 9th in the region of Verdun marked the first great attempt at a general offensive on the part of the enemy over a front exceeding twelve and a half miles.

Our adversaries, who obtained no appreciable results, especially in respect to the efforts made, sustained losses to which the bodies heaped in front of our lines bear witness.

On the rest of the front there is nothing important to record.—Reuter.

**COMING BRITISH BLOW ON TIGRIS POSITION.**

**Preparations Well Advanced for Attack at Sanna-i-Yat Lines.**

**FLOODS HINDER ACTION.**

(BRITISH OFFICIAL.)

PRESS BUREAU, Monday, 12.50 p.m.—The Secretary of the War Office makes the following announcement:—

**Mesopotamia.**—Sir P. Lake reports that General Gortringe's preparations for the attack on the Sanna-i-Yat position are well advanced, though the floods have curtailed the frontage on which an attack can be delivered.

The weather has improved and has been fine for the last two days. The river has not risen since the 7th.

**FRESH ATTEMPT FOR KUT.**

PRESS BUREAU, Monday, 8 p.m.—The Secretary to the War Office makes the following announcement:—

No attack on the Sanna-i-Yat position was made on April 6, as reported in the Turkish communiqué of the 10th. Sir P. Lake reports that an attack was made at dawn on the 9th, but failed to get through the enemy's lines. The operations were much hampered by the floods, which are extending.

**DANISH STEAMER SUNK BY AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE.**

**Eight Vessels Reported Torpedoed, Wrecked, or Missing.**

PARIS, Monday.—A British steamer has landed at Marsilles the crew of the Danish steamer Caledonia, which was torpedoed by an Austrian submarine in the Mediterranean.

The refugees state that the submarine took the vessel by surprise, and, without any regard to the Danish flag it flew, ordered the crew to leave the ship within half an hour.—Reuter.

British ships reported yesterday as sunk were: Unarmed steamer Yonne (late Tasilala) sunk without warning by the crew, who numbered forty, were dining at the time. They got off in boats.

The steamer Silksworth Hall (4,777 tons) of Cardiff. Master and thirty men landed; three missing.

The steamer Eastern City (unarmed).

The Swedish steamer Libra landed the captain and crew of the Norwegian steamer Sjolyt, sunk off Ushant by a German submarine without warning.

The owners of the steamer Alacerty, of Swansea, say that they have had no news of the vessel since she left Havre on March 23 for Seaham.

The Spanish steamer Sant Anderina is reported to have been torpedoed and sunk eighteen miles from Ushant. There is no report as to crew.

The British steamer Margan Abbey is reported to have been sunk.

**"HAMMER BLOWS OF AN UNCONQUERABLE PEOPLE."**

**German War Minister's Boastful Speech on the Verdun Battle.**

AMSTERDAM, Monday.—According to a telegram from Berlin, during the second reading in the Reichstag of the Bill providing for compensation in a lump sum for disabled soldiers instead of the pensions the Minister for War said:—

"Our army reports are composed in a brief military style, but contrary to those of our enemies they are always true."

"Our victorious country has no necessity to exaggerate."

"That we have been victorious is shown by a glance at the map. This our enemies also know. Though they do not admit it."

The Minister for War, speaking of the Russian offensive and the fighting around Verdun, said:—

"These are not, as our enemies pretend to believe, the last efforts of an exhausted nation, but the hammer blows of a strong and unconquerable people provided with human reserves and all other necessary means for hammer blows which will be repeated until its adversaries are weary."

"To attain this aim I set to work with all my skill. A hundred yards of trenches have more value for me than the most splendid victory."

"This war will not be terminated by speeches about victory, but by strong blows on the battlefields and a strong will at home to hold on to the end."

"Never before has any war been extended so criminally against women and children as is now done by England."

But the means at our disposal are too vast, our will is too strong for England to be able to realise her starvation plan.—Reuter.



# For Weakness and Nerves

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A conjurer entertains an audience of Boches at Roulers, Belgium, and produces a German flag from nowhere in particular. A military band provided the music.

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Miss Edna Flugarth, the well-known British film actress, as the lead in "Garret in Bohemia" and as she appears in private life. Miss Flugarth, who is noted for her wonderful make-ups, has gone to the States for a holiday.

## HER "HELMET."



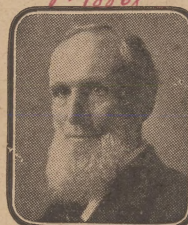
The steel helmet hat is very popular among the little girls in Paris, where the war has had a great influence on women's fashions.

## MISSING MAN.



Corporal S. Newton, who has been reported wounded and missing since the battle of Loos. News of him is anxiously sought.

## NEW BARONET.



Mr. Justice Boyd, Justice of the High Court of Ireland, who is retiring. He has been created a baronet.—(Elliott and Fry.)

## OUT IN AFRICA.



Officers striving to raise a little harmony with native gourd instruments. Do Fleet-street men recognise anyone?

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# Daily Mirror

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1916.

## THE SAINTLY BURGLAR.

THE *Times* published yesterday a pretty full translation of Herr von Bethmann Hollweg's speech before the Reichstag last Wednesday. Reading it, one felt anew that old Alice-in-Wonderland sensation of a world upside-down—sensation unfaithfully produced by this amazing mediocrity, Philosopher Bethmann, whenever he attempts to summarise the situation to which Europe has been brought by the racial mania of his Huns.

Here was the man who "spoke openly" at the beginning of the war of the "wrong" he was "committing" in "hacking a way" through Belgium, announcing, amidst the inconvenient punctuations of Herr Liebknecht's protests—Herr Liebknecht, the Reichstag's guilty conscience—that "the Germans went to battle for the protection of their unity and freedom."

Here was the glad exponent of the doctrine of "scraps of paper" and "necessity knows no law" protesting against the "temptation" felt by "foreign peoples" of "desiring to destroy Germany." If nobody had united to stop Germany—this was the gist of the speech—Germany would have not needed to try and hack her way through. She would have pushed her way through instead! Thus the "peace of Europe would gradually have been fortified by the strength of quiet development"—one of those rapid vague phrases dear to our Philosopher.

He means this:—that the peace of Europe would have been fortified by the triumph of Germany, if all the other nations had consented to submit quietly.

Some future Carlyle, writing the history of this war, may impale Philosopher Bethmann on stabbing phrases. Why (you ask) should we bother about him? Why answer him?—argue with him? The self-confessed burglar's argument that he's in the house with his arms full of stolen goods, simply because, if he hadn't broken into his neighbour's home, all his neighbours would have leagued to break into his, really need not keep us for more than a moment's laughter. Yet we know well enough that a few in this country, reading Alice-in-Wonderland utterances from Prussia, believe at least that the German people believe them. "They think they are fighting in self-defence." So kind friends write to us. Let us recommend them, after studying Bethmann, to turn next to the accounts of the Wittenberg camp affair. It is a salutary contrast.

While Bethmann paints his fantastic picture of the oppressed German rising to oust the oppressor, see the oppressed German kicking, whipping, biting, murdering his helpless prisoner, behind the plague-stricken fence, while their men over here are in comfort and glad to be out of the war.

Let Wittenberg answer Bethmann. The one is a reality, the other a philosopher's dream—or, if you like, a politician's lie.

W. M.

## THE HIGHER WISDOM.

O heart of mine,  
O not for all thy trying—  
This woman love of thine;  
But yours, if tired of useless sighing,  
Is rich sleep-bringing wine.

O heart of mine,  
O no, not all thy drinking,  
Shall cause you less to pine;  
So hold her close in slimes of undimmed  
Thinking,  
Sure God had some design.

—J. BERNARD MCCARTHY.

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

What signifies wishing and hoping for better to-morrow? We may make these times better if we bestir ourselves.—*Franklin*.

## AN EXPLANATION OF HUN CRUELTY.

### HOW EDUCATION PREPARES FOR WITTENBERG HORRORS.

By JESSIE E. DUNBAR.

ONCE again, by the astounding report on the typhus epidemic at Wittenberg, our eyes have been opened to the calculated and cold-blooded brutality which seems to have become an integral part of the modern Teutonic nature.



Miss Dunbar.

To the "lay" reader—and especially to those who knew Germany before 1870—such brutality seems almost incredible. But the Germany of the last generation and the German of this are two very different propositions. The whole trend of education in Germany has changed from the pacific and domestic to the bellicose and barbaric. And it is in

and its future and regard themselves as the chosen race. Patriotism is an immense power. The Germans have realised this and cultivated patriotism. They understand and insist upon the fact that their present prosperity had its roots in aggression, and aggression—with all its entails—is their watchword and policy. It is this spirit which makes them arrogant and bullies. Their prosperity is of recent growth, and they are the nouveaux riches among nations.

English people are regarded in Germany as foolish idealists, and fastidious to an absurd degree; but when the German meets the Englishman he often modifies his own manners.

"SUCH BEAUTIFUL MANNERS!" A friend of mine who stayed in Berlin for a time was rendered quite uncomfortable by the prolonged stares which greeted her appearance in the restaurant of the hotel. A woman and her two children occupied the table facing her, and they used to sit and stare the meal through and order their own food when she was about to depart.

One day she and the German woman got into conversation, and she laughingly confessed that she felt uncomfortable under their scrutiny.

"Are my table manners so bad as to excite attention?" she quizzed.

"No," said the German, "the English have

## MARRIED MEN.

### THOUGHTS OF SOME OF THE WOMEN LEFT AT HOME.

#### OCCASIONALLY PARTED.

IT IS an excellent thing for a husband and wife to be occasionally parted. And what more noble cause for the parting than this call to fight for our country at the crisis in her fortunes?

Willesden.

#### MONEY MATTERS.

WHILE the article which appeared in your paper of Friday commenting on the married men already called to the colours is sufficiently patriotic, the author does not take a sufficiently broad view.

Apparently she has in mind the wives with no families. It is amusing to read how the wife will live with her sister on the separation allowance. This probably looks better on paper than it is in practice.

Let Muriel Lee take the married man with a wife and family of young children.

When such a man joins the forces he cannot put his wife and family in two or three rooms (nobody will take a wife with a family of young children in two or three rooms). The man therefore has to keep his house going and pay rates and taxes.

Irrespective of this, how can a wife who has been used to £150 to £200 per annum pay rent and keep herself and family on the miserable separation allowance, especially in view of the increased cost of living?

Perhaps your correspondent will tell us how this can be done.

A. G. PAINK.

#### MORE THAN THAT.

YOUR correspondent, Muriel Lee, evidently regards her husband's departure to join the Army as a sort of excursion for him—something in the nature of a holiday trip.

However hard we wives may try to put a good face upon the matter, I fear there is more in it than that.

#### ANOTHER WIFE.

#### CYNICAL?

I THINK it just possible that many women may not object to losing their husbands for a little. What they do object to is losing their husbands' money.

I do not mean to be cynical. I am only trying to show that Muriel Lee's argument seems to be based entirely on the supposition that a woman lives on air and affection.

Affection is nice, and so is fresh air, but unfortunately there are also rates and rent to be thought of.

GRASS WIDOW.

#### IN MY GARDEN.

APRIL 10.—The garden should be made quite tidy for the summer during the next two weeks. Lawns should be cut for the first time and afterwards well rolled. Finish pruning roses at once. Ivy on walls must be clipped over, removing most of the old leaves.

All hardy annuals may be sown this week, but wait until the soil is in a powdery condition. Lightly stir the soil between perennials, and also between spring-flowering bulbs. Hyacinths should be supported with neat little sticks.

E. F. T.



The suggestion has been made. It is said that ordinary people not in khaki ought not to enjoy themselves during the war. But what if their enjoyment makes part of the enjoyment of the soldiers?—(By Mr. W. K. Haselden.)

this education of German children that we may find the root of the evil demonstrated in this Wittenberg report no less than in the Bryce Committee's record of the Belgian atrocities.

When German children are taught history great emphasis is laid upon the prosperity of Germany arising out of the war which resulted in all the States of Germany being welded into a mighty whole. Germany, they are taught, is a wonderful country, with a glorious future and immense possibilities as a world power. From infancy the theories of Treitschke and Bernhardi are instilled into them, and a lesson carefully taught and insisted upon is that the State is paramount and can do no wrong.

The minds of the children, therefore, are moulded in one big machine. It would be strange if children so educated did not grow up with a firm belief in Germany

such beautiful manners that I tell my children to watch you and note what you do."

There are, of course, many Germans who do not realise that there is anything wrong with their children's manners or customs. In an instance of this occurs to me. At Heyst, a little seaside town in Belgium, where Germans used to congregate during the summer months, I frequently met a tiny German girl and her father, who were in the habit of going to a big patisserie at ten every morning for "lunch." The little girl, whose years perhaps numbered five, was lifted on to a seat by her big father and presented with two thick slices of cranique—a sort of rich currant bread—and a large tumbler full of milk. We used covertly to watch her eat. She inspired a sort of fascination. A large bit of cranique and instantly a big drink of milk was her way of progressing.

Her father, the while, regarded her efforts with quiet pride.

The education of the average German child is much more comprehensive and thorough than that given to the English child. In Germany many nervous breakdowns are not uncommon among children and there are many cases of child suicide. There schoolchildren are worked from 7.30 a.m. to about 5 p.m., and after that they have home work. The middle-class Germans live in flats and the facility for games is therefore somewhat limited.

It is curious that the stern military training given the boy does not always make him into a manly man. Frenchmen have been supposed to be vain, but never have I met a Frenchman who was equipped with a pocket mirror and a moustache brush. Many Germans carry these impedimenta and use them in restaurants!



## OUR FRENCH VISITORS AT THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

## MATCH



The French senators and deputies, who have a long programme of visits before them. The party includes many well-known men.

## PROUD TO WHEEL HIM.



Father and mother take their son, who was badly wounded in a battle in France, out for an airing in the Strand.

## SPRING IN THE PARK.



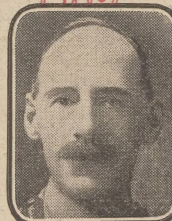
The Regent's Park squirrels have an insatiable appetite for nuts, which they take from the hand. And the public see that they are well supplied.



The scene at the St. Stephen's conference.

M. Pichon (A), Lord Bryce, who presided (B), M. Georges Leygues (C), M. Franklin Bouillon (D), Sir Daniel Goddard, M.P. (E), and Sir E. Cornwall, M.P. (F). The conference, which will be resumed to-day, discussed the future co-operation of the two countries.

## WILL THEY RELIEVE KUT?



General Sir George Frederick Goringe (bare-headed), who directed the splendid British push towards Kut, and General H. Dunbar Keary, D.S.O., commanding one of the relief forces. —(Elliott and Fry and Central Press.)

## RULING PRINCE'S JUBILEE.



The Maharajah Sahib (holding stick) at the celebrations in connection with the Jubilee at Kapathurla, and his little heir. In circle is the Maharane. —(Bawa Harcharan Singh.)

## AEROPLANE PILOT'S WONDER



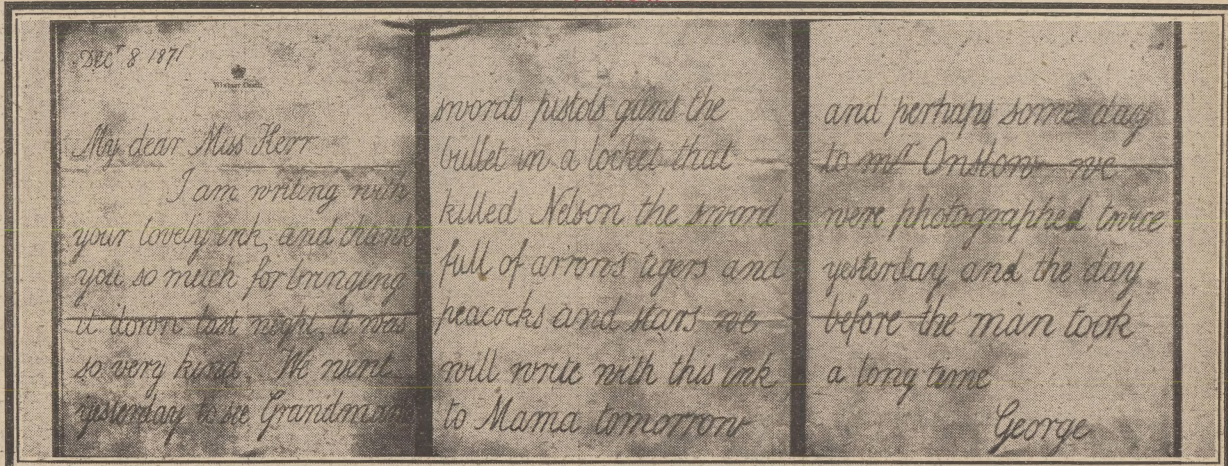
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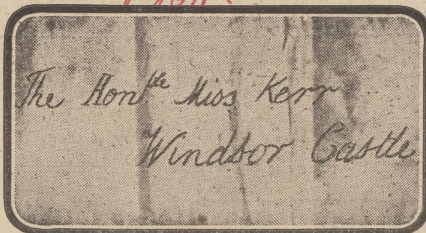


Surgeon McKee.



Miss Charrier.

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The envelope addressed by the King.

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CLERGYMAN'S PET LAMB.



The Rev. Arthur Waller, vicar of St. Paul's Church, Southend, with the pet lamb which he has trained to follow him about.

ESCAPE FROM DEATH.



de down and lying across a road, as here shown. The pilot, who was congratulate himself. The machine was an object of great interest, put to see it.

PANTOMIME AT SALONIKA.



Private F. Kenchington, author of "Dick Whittington," the pantomime produced by the troops near Salonika, talking to Alice, Corporal E. J. Dillon.—(Official photograph.)

TAKEN FROM THE FRENCH.



A reprint from a German paper. The photograph is described as "a revolver cannon captured by the Germans from the French."



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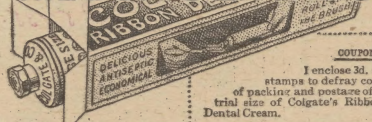
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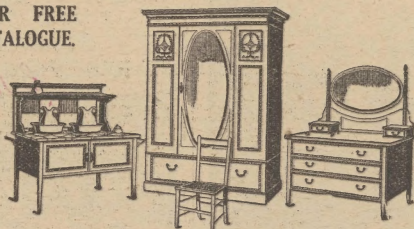
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# THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP



Sir George Buchanan.

resort, and his friendship with Sir George is common knowledge. The Tsar is very reserved, but he constantly refers to "my friend Sir George."

## Knows the Slav.

Both Sir George and Lady Buchanan have had great experience of the Slav. They have visited almost every town in the Balkans, and Sir George's influence is enormous. Lady Buchanan is one of the great social leaders in glittering Petrograd, and an invitation to her "musicales" is a sort of hall-mark to society. Both speak Russian quite fluently.

## Princes at the Zoo.

A friend of mine who was at the Zoological Gardens the other afternoon tells me that among the visitors were Princess Mary and her three brothers, Prince Albert, Prince Henry and Prince John. Very few people recognised them. They reached the lion house just too late to see the animals fed, and from there made direct for the reptile house.

## Having a Good Time.

Here the three Princes entered, while Princess Mary remained outside with a friend. Subsequently the whole party made a tour of the grounds, and seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves and their freedom from embarrassing attention.

## Mr. Hulton's Illness.

That excellent sportsman Mr. Edward Hulton is, I am glad to hear, making a good recovery after his recent operation. Mr. Hulton is the proprietor of many newspapers and periodicals, and a keen devotee of the Turf, a love which he shares with that of coursing.

## "Fifnella."

Two months ago Harmonicon won Mr. Hulton his second Waterloo Cup, but his luck on the Turf, at least so far as the classic races are concerned, has not been nearly so good. Although he has owned some really good horses, he has never won one of the five great races of the year. Perhaps Fifnella will break the spell in the One Thousand Guineas. I wish him a speedy return to health and the best of luck in his sporting ventures.

## A Queen Doctor.

One of the nurses who is associated with Queen Amelie of Portugal in Red Cross work was telling me that her intimate knowledge of the subject often puts the professional staff to shame. This is really not surprising, seeing that Queen Amelie qualified herself as a doctor years ago, and practised medicine for the benefit of the poor of Lisbon. She still keeps quite up to date, reading all the newest books on hospital work.

## Certainty.

A permanent official was doing his best to defend the Government against the charge of being dilatory in the conduct of the war. "Wise men," he said, "always hesitate—only fools are certain." The lady he was dining with asked: "Are you sure?" "Absolutely certain," he replied. Then she smiled.

## Moving Day.

This is the cheery way in which my friend Mr. Herbert Shaw announced to me the fact of his moving. Mr. Shaw is a humorist as well as an author—his old address used to be The Mint, Money Hill. Out of this mint have come all sorts and conditions of fiction. He has a frank and guileless face, and no one would think that he has written some of the most hair-raising stories I have ever been scared with. You may see him occasionally in the Café Royal wearing a smile that never fades.



## Ergetic Grand Duchess.

A good story of the energetic Grand Duchess Cyril comes from Petrograd to the London headquarters of the British Women's Maternity Unit just sent out there. The Grand Duchess supervised the building of the new hospital, and, says Miss Moberly, the administrator, "instead of nine or ten workmen dreamily pottering about with bits of wood, smoking and chatting, I found about fifty frenzied creatures all flinging planks in through every aperture!"

## Could Sho Hurry Our Workmen?

The foreman, it appears, spent his time equally in "frightened rushes to the windows" to see if the Grand Duchess was about and "shouting to the workmen for more planks." If the Grand Duchess—who, by the way, is first cousin to King George—could come over here a little when the war is over and "stimulate" our chatting and smoking workmen, we might get our roads mended quicker!

## "The Show Shop."

This is the very latest photograph of charming Miss Marie Lohr, who will soon be delighting the theatrogoers again in Mr. James Forbes' "The Show Shop." This is, I am told, the lightest play in which Miss Lohr has ever appeared, and as I described to me as "one



Miss Marie Lohr.

long run of merriment." It has had a great success in New York, and in rehearsal here, I am told, it keeps the company in fits of laughter. So it sounds a promising sort of play for these gloomy times.

## Sunderland House.

I have just heard of another in-aid-of concert that will take place in the middle of May at Sunderland House, and the Duchess of Marlborough is already interesting her friends and reminding them to book the 16th for this event.

## Behind the Scenes.

During the last day or two I have heard one or two little echoes of what went on behind the scenes just before last week's debate on M.P.'s salaries. There were a few very straight things said—much more interesting than the debate itself—but that is one of the stories which we shall never get in full.

## Gentleman Cadets.

In these days of war one is apt to forget that young officers are still entering the Army in the old conventional way via Sandhurst. Among the latest list of successful candidates to become Gentleman Cadets I see the names of several famous names. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon's grandson and heir, Lord Settrington, is one. Lord Settrington is just seventeen, and younger than his two attractive sisters, the Ladies Amy and Doris Gordon-Lennox.

## Some Others.

Among others who have just passed into Sandhurst are Lord Inverclyde's only son, Mr. J. A. Burns; Lord Saye and Sele's fifth son, Mr. A. R. I. Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, and Mr. B. F. Ramsay-Fairfax-Lucy, third son of Sir Henry and Lady Ramsay-Fairfax-Lucy, who own historic Charlotte Park, near Stratford-on-Avon, "Justice Shallow's" lovely home.

## Lacrosse for Charity.

Miss E. Audrey Beeton, the hon. secretary of the Ladies' Lacrosse Association, has organised a lacrosse match at Richmond next Saturday in aid of the Scottish Women's Hospitals for Foreign Service. Lacrosse, I always think, is an ideal game for women—it is so graceful—and I shall certainly try to see this match. By the way, we used to be told that lacrosse was the national game of Canada. Is it?

## Italy's Mystery Man.

Early next month, I learn, an important visit will be paid to London by Signor Salandra, the Italian Premier. He is regarded by many of his friends as a second Cavour, but as a fact he is little known even in his country, where he is regarded as a mystery man. The only thing that is certain is that he is a staunch friend to the Allies.

## Afraid of Nothing.

Signor Salandra has done much to convert Italians in our favour, and the Chamber is unanimous, although, oddly enough, the Premier's party is in a minority. An Italian friend told me that the Premier is afraid of nothing, and can always face any number of unfavourable circumstances—probably due to the fact that he is of Jewish descent.

## Author's New Hobby.

I ran across Mr. Arthur Morrison yesterday in the Strand. He isn't often in town nowadays, the fascination of his place in Essex being too strong. He is a man of hobbies. It used to be Japanese prints, and he got together the finest collection in the country, which is now in the British Museum. Now Mr. Morrison varies his fiction writing with fruit culture. He told me his eldest boy is "somewhere East" with the H.A.C.

## Mrs. Despard Decorated.

The French Cross of War has just been awarded to Mrs. Despard, who has been doing some fine Red Cross work at Salonika. The decoration was conferred by General Sarraill in person, in the presence of Generals Mahon and Moscopoulos, of Greece.

## Which?

Have you noticed the sudden change in the appearance of tailors' windows? Walking in the West End yesterday, I noticed that nearly all the khaki, which has so long occupied the prominent place, has gone. In its place are rolls of spring cloths and light overcoats. Such a display has not been seen for over eighteen months. Are tailors optimists or prophets?

## A Hardworking Peer.

Lord Mount Edgumbe is one of the most versatile of our peers. Although past eighty, he has written his first play, learnt the use of a typewriter and acquired the gramophone habit. The Prince Consort chose him as a companion for King Edward when his late Majesty reached the age of eighteen, and the intimacy was maintained up to the day of King Edward's death.

Lord Mount Edgumbe.

## Mixed Speakers.

There is a good variety of speakers at the meeting of the Rehearsal Club at the St. James' Theatre to-day, at which Princess Christian hopes to be present, and the chair will be filled by Mr. Gerald du Maurier, Miss Irene Vanbrugh, Miss Lilian Braitwaite, the Archdeacon of London and Miss Doris Keane are all to speak on behalf of the club, and Mr. Pett Ridge will certainly create some laughter.

## A New City Alderman.

With the funeral to-day of Alderman Sir T. B. Crosby, ex-Lord Mayor of London, the question of choice of a successor will arise. There is always a good deal of competition for the position of alderman of the City of London, as the holder becomes in his turn without further election Lord Mayor of the chief city of the Empire. City aldermen are long livers in spite of the dinners they have to eat.

## M.P.s Playin' Truant.

There were a great many truant M.P.s yesterday. Although the House of Commons had the opportunity of discussing the new taxes, so little desire was shown to seize it that the attendance was the smallest this session. I hear that the sudden burst of beautiful spring weather led scores of legislators to prolong their week-end in the country until to-day. A good many of our £400 "slackers" were, it was whispered, down at Brighton. THE RAMBLER.

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## TIMBERTOWN FOLLIES LOSE THEIR RECREATION HALL.



The recreation hall at the internment camp at Groeningen, Holland, which has been completely destroyed by fire.



The recreation hall, marked with a cross, before the outbreak. It was used by the "Timbertown Follies," men of the Royal Naval Division, who have given many successful performances.

## IN A MOTOR-CAR BUILT FOR TWO.



Major the Hon. Edric Forester and his bride, Lady Victoria Legge-Bourke, leaving for their honeymoon after the marriage ceremony at Brompton Parish Church yesterday.

## A NEW HOLIDAY GAME.



The blown-down trees in Kensington Gardens provide fine sport for the schoolboys home for the holidays. (Daily Mirror photograph.)

## TO AID THE CHILDREN.



Miss Blanche Tonia.



Miss Estelle Winwood.



Miss Ethel Levey.



Mr. George Grossmith.



Mr. Raymond Hitchcock.

At the Ambassadors Theatre this afternoon Mrs. C. B. Cochran has arranged a most attractive programme for her matinee in aid of the Invalid Children's Aid Association. Above are some of the many stars who will appear in a wonderful programme.

## THEIR DIAMOND WEDDING.



Sir William Crookes, O.M., the eminent scientist, and Lady Crookes, photographed yesterday.